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SUBJECT: VIETNAM CEASEFIRE SITUATION REPORT- APRIL 2, 1973

THIS REPORT SUMMARIZED ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE  
EMBASSY AS OF 2000 APRIL 2.

### SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

PART I ICCS: PRG PAYS INITIAL INSTALLMENT IN SUPPORT  
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OF ICCS; NON- VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION AT ICCS HDQTRS SAIGON

PART II FPJMT: LATE US PW RELEASE COMPLETED IN VINH BINH

PART III TPJMC: LT GEN TRAN VAN TRA VISITS HANOI

PART IV GVN/ PRG BILATERALS: TALKS GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE IN VIETNAM PRESS

PART V CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: COMMUNISTS NOW CHARGED WITH 9,413 VIOLATIONS

PARV VI HANOI/ PRG PROPAGANDA: COMMUNIST MEDIA BLASTS REPORTS OF PW MISTREATMENT

PART VII MR 1: ARVN PREPARING AGAINST POSSIBLE ATTACKS IN QUANG NAM, THUA THIEN PROVINCES

PART VIII MR 2: DETAILS ON VNAF OBSTRUCTION DELAYING MAR 30 DRV DEPARTURE FROM PLEIKU; ICCS BOGGED DOWN IN KONTUM, BINH THUAN

PART IX MR 3: ICCS DEPLOYMENT TO AN LOC, XA MAT DELAYED; HEAVY SHELLING CONTINUES AT TONLE CHAM

PART X MR 4: COMMUNISTS SHELL TAN CHAU, HONG NGU AGAIN; CANDEL ATTEMPTS TO GET REGION VI ICCS MOVING

PART I- INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL & SUPERVISION ( ICCS)

1. THE PRG MADE ITS PAYMENT OF 4.5 MILLION FRANCS ARTICLE 14( C) OF THE ICCS PROTOCOL ON MAR 30 (30 DAYS IN ARREARS). THE DRV HAD MADE ITS REQUIRED PAYMENT ON MAR 16 AND THE US AND RVN MADE THEIRS ON OR BEFORE X PLUS 30 AS REQUIRED BY THE PROTOCOL. THE INITIAL 18 MILLION FRANC CONTRIBUTION UNDER ARTICLE 14( C) HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN RECEIVED BY THE ICCS. FUTURE PAYMENTS WILL BE GOVERNED BY ARTICLE 14 ( B).

2. MID- AFTERNOON APRIL 2 A SMALL DEMONSTRATION ESTIMATED BY EMBOFF NUMBERING APPROXIMATELY 100 PEOPLE MARCHED TO ICCS SECRETARIAT BUILDING ( WHERE ICCS PLENARY WAS IN SESSION) TO DISPLAY BANNERS CALLING FOR CESSATION OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION  
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IN ORDER FOR PEACE TO BE ACHIEVED. DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY

WITH HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE ATTENDANT. GVN POLICE PRESENT IN QUANTITY. EMBOFF JUDGED DEMO HAS GVN ACQUIESCENCE, AND POSSIBLY INSPIRATION.

PART II- FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM ( FPJMC); PW RELEASE CAPTAIN ROBERT T. WHITE, THE ADDITIONAL US POW WHOSE CAPTURE BY THE PRG WAS ANNOUNCED ONLY LAST WEEK, WAS RELEASED APRIL 1 IN VINH BINH PROVINCE ( MR 4) TO ELEMENTS OF THE FPJMC TEAM. WHITE' S RELEASE BROUGHT TO 588 THE TOTAL OF AMERICAN POWS (564 MILITARY, 24 CIVILIAN) RELEASED BY THE DRV, PRG AND PATHET LAO.

PART III- TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION ( TPJMC)

VIET CONG TPJMC CHIEF VISITS HANOI. LT GEN TRAN VAN TRA, CHIEF OF THE VIET CONG TPJMC CONTINGENT, VISITED HANOI OVER THE WEEKEND, PROBABLY TO PARTICIPATE IN HIGH- LEVEL STRATEGY SESSIONS WITH TOP PARTY AND MILITARY LEADERS. BEFORE DONNING THE SHAPELESS FATIGUES OF THE LIBERATION ARMY, TRA HAD BEEN DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE NVA AND IS, HIMSELF, AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. ACCORDING TO VNA, TRA CALLED ON THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DEFENSE MINISTRY MAR 31 AND WAS " WARMLY GREETED" BY GIAP AND OTHER NVA LUMINARIES.

PART IV- GVN/ PRG BILATERALS

WEEKEND ISSUES OF OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS ( VP) GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO MAR 30 SESSION OF GVN/ PRG BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE OF PARIS. PRG DURING MEETING PROPOSED AN AGENDA CONSISTING OF " FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH VIETN  
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